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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed September 27, 2004. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims of Species I (Figure 1, claims 1-15) for initial examination in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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